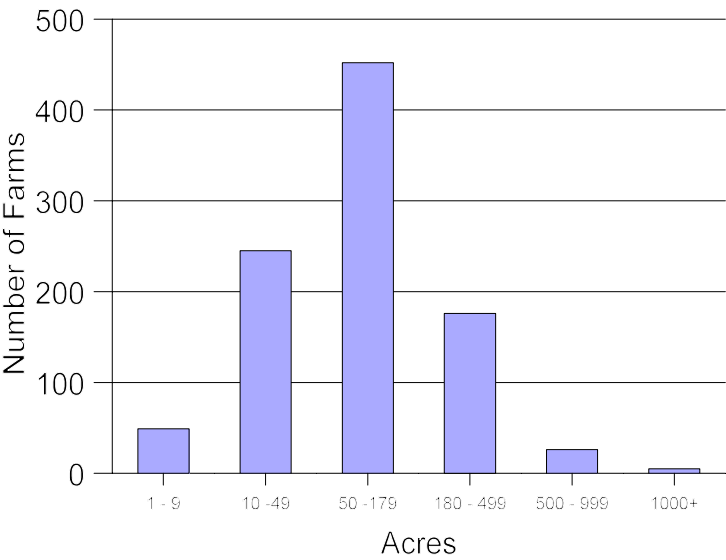
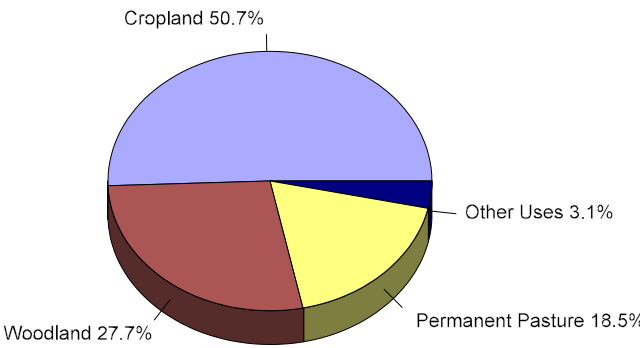


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	534
Other	419
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	862
Female	91
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	1,304
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	6
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.



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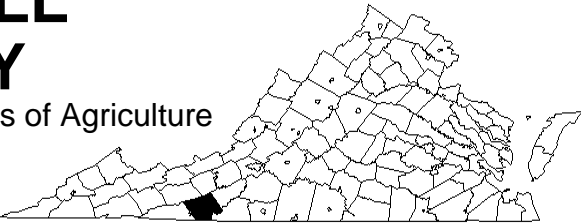
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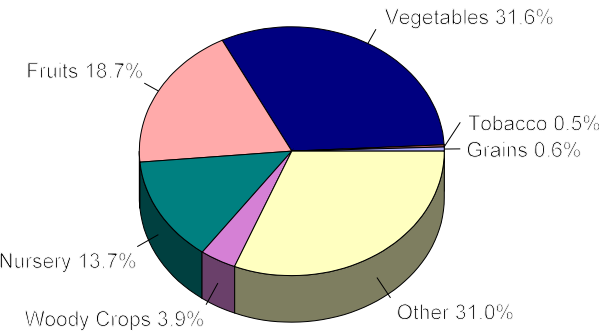
Carroll County is situated in the southern part of the Blue Ridge area and borders North Carolina. Formed in 1842 from the eastern part of Grayson, the county was named in honor of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the Maryland patriot.

The topography of Carroll is hilly and mountainous except for a small section along the southern border. Most of the county is on a plateau, where elevations vary from 2,000 to 3,500 feet above sea level. All streams on the plateau flow into the New River that cuts across the northwest corner of the county. The land drops steeply from the plateau into the Blue Ridge foothills, where elevations range from 1,000 to 1,500 feet. Temperatures average 35 degrees in January and 74 in July on the plateau, but vary elsewhere according to elevation. The frost-free growing season is about 170 days, usually extending from around April 20 to October 10. Annual precipitation averages 45 inches.

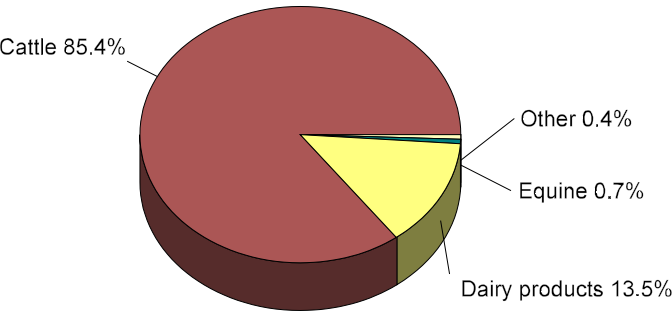
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	953	1,115
Land in Farms (acres)	121,910	121,894
Average size of farm	128	109
Market Value of Production County Total	\$25,912,000	\$19,873,000
Average per farm	\$27,190	\$17,823
Government Payments	\$297,000	\$86,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	39	83	95	2,567	2,871
Tobacco	34	36	43	447	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,074	5	95	524	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,230	8	93	316	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	897	39	95	1,139	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	256	4	76	213	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,038	10	97	622	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,531	7	97	642	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,606	27	83	907	2,493
Hogs and pigs	18	43	90	2,095	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	33	35	93	1,576	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	131	42	94	1,520	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	17	30	87	1,615	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	39,903	10	97	777	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,237	18	97	1,001	3,065
All Goats	475	33	95	1,046	2,971
Sheep and lambs	395	33	93	1,592	2,867
Colonies of bees	272	13	80	793	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,873	14	97	857	3,059
Corn for silage	1,127	32	87	1,054	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	670	6	95	557	2,710
Apples	639	7	87	85	2,173
Cut Christmas trees	472	5	81	198	1,877

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	4,005	263,741	38	55,485	8,843	90,234	NA	NA	NA
1945	4,097	255,795	53	55,125	1,059	85,674	30,763	NA	76,930
1950	4,185	251,250	98	46,427	9,499	60,342	39,960	NA	83,527
1954	3,757	232,709	106	40,423	5,977	43,052	56,645	NA	78,068
1959	2,655	195,774	134	33,333	5,657	46,633	34,792	NA	65,146
1964	2,411	189,985	165	32,836	3,770	27,242	20,489	7,078	13,096
1969	1,711	148,275	253	23,988	4,792	49,232	10,088	9,645	12,283
1974 4/	1,201	118,547	486	22,788	3,263	37,932	14,487	6,649	10,353
1978	1,037	115,142	755	22,439	1,976	38,062	13,286	13,452	21,668
1982	1,083	122,291	851	23,944	2,225	40,073	15,372	14,065	22,374
1987	939	117,167	904	22,760	2,517	42,211	12,877	14,400	17,401
1992	884	113,165	1,164	24,435	2,504	34,684	18,983	11,180	18,458
1997 2/	1,115	121,894	1,491	27,336	2,293	38,848	15,666	12,801	21,283
2002	953	121,910	2,587	29,213	2,440	30,071	22,586	13,757	20,034

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